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Below: Tabletop Tree
Dhs55,
All by Clas Olsen.



From the Editor

Merry Christmas!



December really is the most wonderful time of the year – the weather is lovely, excitement is building for Christmas and a new year is just around the corner. So it is no surprise that this issue is packed full of festive buys for your home, not to mention our bumper gift guide (P68) which includes presents for all the family (and a few which you might treat yourself to!).

Our real homes this issue are a sophisticated interior-designed Downtown apartment by Pavalli Dean (P42), Emmely Ayoob's beautiful Emirates Hills villa (P50) and a magical monochrome family home in Sweden (P56). We also have advice, tips and tricks on getting your home ready for Christmas (from P66) and two seasonal recipes, which are a twist on the traditional turkey and pudding (P78). Enjoy!



Rosalind

ROSALIND

THIS MONTH'S WISHLIST...

THE DETAILS

1. San Diego stem tumbler set, Dhs49, Silica.
2. Mini cologne collection, Dhs530, Jo Malone.
3. Embellished top, Dhs595, C. Wonder.
4. Beautiful Chaos bracelet, Dhs175, Vince Camuto.
5. Noel Christmas tree candle holder, Dhs150, Tavola.
6. Long sparkle stone earrings, Dhs59, H&M.



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THIS JUST IN...

ROUNDUP OF THIS MONTH'S NEWS AND BUYS

HOMELY HOLIDAYS

Head to Home Centre to stock up on Christmas goodies, from decorations to trees and accessories, there is something to suit all interior schemes, colour palettes and budgets. Dress up a hallway with this selection, including the classic glitter Noel sign, Dhs29. www.homecentrestores.com



WOODLAND STYLE

Light these Pine Cone candles, Dhs16 from Lakeland for an instant welcoming glow. Or place in the middle of the table as a centrepiece. www.lakeland.ae

Three's a Crowd

Flamant's latest offerings include these simple black set of three nesting tables, Dhs6,450. Perfect for a small living room, as they can be stored beneath each other, this sleek design will last in to next season. www.flamant.com



SIMPLY SPARKLE

Add some ruby red to any outfit with these twinkling earrings from Versace's holiday collection. www.versace.com



Going Dotty

Enjoy an afternoon tea in this cute teapot and cup for one, Dhs150 from C.Wonder's holiday collection. We love the gold spot design, which will stand out in any kitchen making this an ideal gift.

www.cwonder.com



SWEET SMELL

Once again Jo Malone has created the scent of the season and this Christmas it is this deluxe Frosted Cherry and Clove candle, available in a pretty limited edition coloured glass jar with lid, Dhs900.

www.jomalone.com



Antlers Away!

Bring some fun to the festive table with these Deer napkins, Dhs79 from Zara Home.

www.zarahome.com



Snuggle up this Christmas with these hot buys...



Checked slippers, Dhs250, C.Wonder
Cashmere hot water bottle cover, Dhs455, LuxeDeco.com
Faux fur throw, Dhs649, Zara Home.



Embrace a woodland look in the kitchen with these fun antler mugs, Dhs125 each from S*uce.

www.shopatsauce.com



Truly Tropical

Introduce a relaxed island feel to your home with THE One's new Tropical Punch collection. Consisting of exotic floral, bird and palm prints found in this Ansley cushion, Dhs149. The range will bring a cool Bahamas beach-look to any room.

www.theone.com



FASHIONABLE DESTINATION

Designer Judith Hobby has recently opened her commercial boutique in Studio City, Dubai. This stylishly laid-back interior has a Scandinavian feel and houses her latest collection of timeless wardrobe staples and accessories.

www.judithhobbyclothing.com

THIS JUST IN...

Clear Cut

Silica has just introduced a new range of tableware to the region, which includes this ice-cool Blue Glass set, Dhs699. Ideal for the festive season, the 27pcs set will bring some sophisticated style to the dinner table.

www.silicastore.com



TEMPTING TREATS

Head to Magnolia Bakery this month for some delightful, delicious cakes, biscuits and desserts. Their signature recipes have been given a festive makeover, such as these fun Christmas cupcakes, Dhs17 each.

www.magnoliabakery.com



WAKE UP

Make a barista style coffee at home with this red DeLonghi coffee machine, Dhs1,045 available now from Jashanmal's autumn/winter collection, which also includes pretty crockery, accessories and luggage.

www.jashanmalgroup.com

Terrific Textiles

Karaca Home, which specialises in Turkish home textiles, has just opened in Al Ghurair Centre in Deira, Dubai. Offering tasteful home textiles, accessories, kitchenware, bedding, bath and home décor, such as this festive blanket, Dhs179, which adds some traditional Scandi style to the bedroom.

www.karaca-home.com



Reindeer tealight holder, Dhs40, Zara Home.

Merry Christmas hessian sack, Dhs29, Luckandluck.co.uk.

Oh Deer! Our pick of the three best reindeer decorations...

Deer hanging decoration, Dhs35, Home Centre.



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www.tavolashop.com



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www.andrewmartin.co.uk



SKY HIGH

Shown at Decorex this year, Fromental's collection of quirky designs includes this beautiful embroidered Nimbus wallpaper.

www.fromental.co.uk



FLOOR SHOW

Quickly transform the look of a room by investing in some new flooring. We love the colour and texture in this Kahrs Maison Oak Smoked boards, which are part of the Supreme range.

www.nordichomeworx.com

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THE LATEST DECORATION NEWS AND BUYS...

On Trend

Jotun has recently launched their Autumn Winter Collection 2014. Comprising of four colours that are inspired by the latest runway trends, the collection will truly make homes stand out. Each shade stems from the Fenomastic 128 Colour Collection and reflects key tones used by premium fashion designers on the global scene.

www.jotun.com



Daring Drapes

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2. Peacock bauble, Dhs30, TCH.net
3. Peacock feather wreath, for similar try Etsy.com
4. Glitter bloom ball ornaments, Dhs35, Crate and Barrel
5. Retro peacock mug, Dhs44, Roseandgrey.co.uk
6. Eastern Jewel collection, from Dhs19, Ace
7. Long wear gel sparkle, Dhs161, Bobbi Brown
8. Peacock cushion cover, Dhs149, THE One
9. Moroccan leather pouffe, Dhs385, Rockribbonsecogifts.com
10. Gold peacock decoration, Dhs16, Next
11. Matthew Williamson Peacock rug in dark blue, Dhs7,604 per m2, The Rug Company
12. Alpignano clutch, Dhs180, Aldo
13. Shankland court shoe, Dhs219, Call It Spring
14. Lazul bathing costume, Dhs1,350, Bloomingdale's
15. Peacock print cushion, Dhs150, United Furniture
16. Ester sofa in blue, Dhs8,495, THE One
17. Strapless turquoise top, Dhs295, Gaudi
18. Sparkle peplum top, Dhs99, H&M
19. Bud vase Dhs80, Annabeljames.co.uk
20. Peacock fantasy large tray, Dhs45, Jashanmal.

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Resident DESIGN

Form and function played a big role when Dubai interior designer Pallavi Dean created this gorgeous The Residences apartment.

Words: CORINNE DRAPER



Designing a home that isn't a primary residence can prove to be a difficult task for interior designers, especially when the space will have a number of functions.

This type of challenge is the very thing that interior designer Pallavi Dean relishes. When Dubai-bred Pallavi was approached to design an apartment in The Residences overlooking the Burj lake for a client, she had to consider what the space was going to be used for, defining its purpose and function before tackling the design. "With this project, we started by finding out what they were going to use this space for. And for the client it was more of a business hub, he comes into Dubai for a week or a month, he meets and entertains his clients, but because he travels so much he also wanted the ability to have his children and family come over and for them to have a zone," Pallavi explains. "When we do residential design we don't go in and ask what kind of finish do you like? What kind of colours do you like? We look at it in terms—

"With this project, we started by finding out what they were going to use this space for."



Left: The sophisticated living room with the stylish designer armchair and statement lights.
Above: Pallavi Dean.



Above: the sleek kitchen space, which ties in with the colour palette.
Right: The functional dining room with stand-out pendant lights and tonal artwork.

of environmental psychology, so what does a home need to do for you to engage with it," Pallavi says. "We look at concepts like place attachment – the design has to have a narrative that connects and engages you with your home constantly. That's difficult when it's not your main home. How do you build place attachment when it's such a foreign space? It still has to be engaging for you to come and use it."

Knowing that the primary function of the apartment was for the owner to entertain and meet with clients was the major consideration, the challenge was making the small space welcoming for his family and friends also. "We converted the kitchen space into a secondary living room, so even when he's in the formal living area entertaining his guests or clients, there's a little TV in here and the mum can cook and chat with the kids," Pallavi says. "This is a good example of dual purposes for business and for the family."

Pallavi also wanted her client to immediately feel at home in the space. "Another thing that we do is place identity," the designer says. "Your home represents either a realised version of yourself or a idealised version – this project had to do both, so there are a lot of personal touches in the space. All of the artwork is imagery of the family which has been pop-arted or pixalised or abstracted, there is also some generic artwork for the sake of artwork, but we really personalised each space with what they liked."

Looking back at the function of the apartment, it was important for Pallavi to create some flexibility in how the home could be used. "Another thing the space had to do, as they also had guests coming and staying, was to be designed with a hospitality angle. Apart from the master bedroom, all the bedrooms have twin beds so you can put them together or split them apart depending on who's coming to stay," Pallavi says.

While the property isn't the client's main home and they do like to have people visit and use the apartment, it was important to ensure that the space still had a sense of home. "We tried to keep the design and the palette quite restrained, you can have an inclination in design, especially residential, to finish it, to make it look like a show →

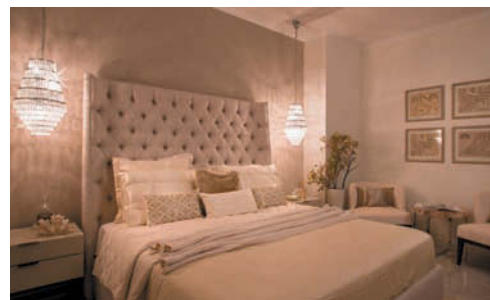




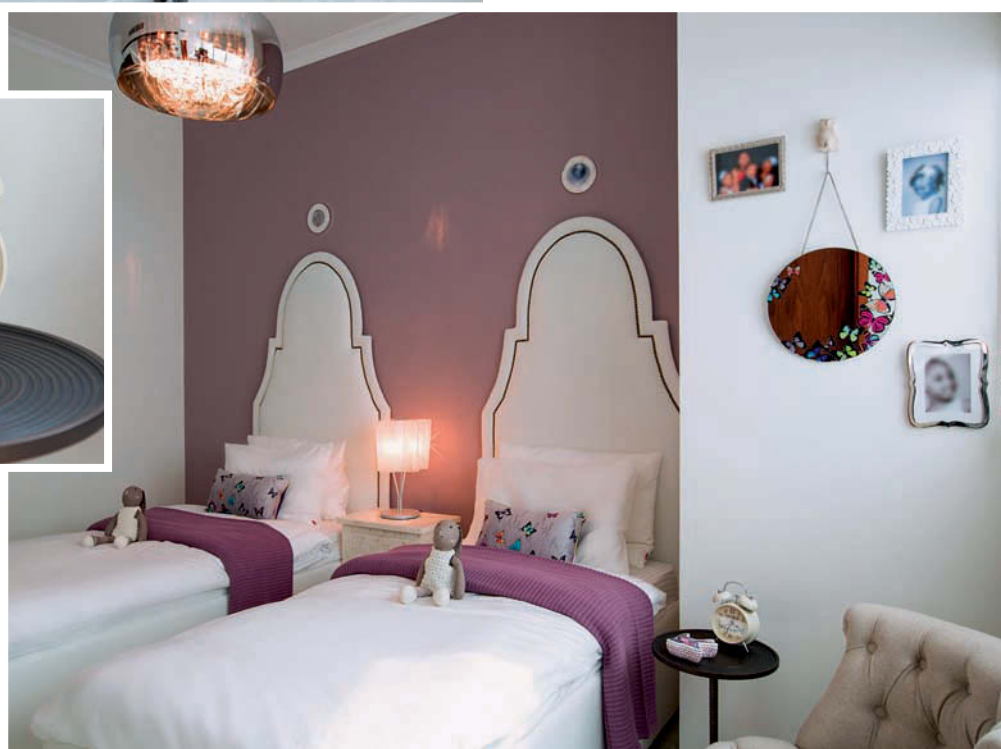
flat and with my hospitality background it is a tendency and I won't deny it, but at the same time it was a great exercise in restraint," says Pallavi. "A home is very different to a hotel, a home is somewhere you have to come in and throw your laptop bag down or put your own memorabilia somewhere, we've allowed those breathing spaces within this home, so they can infuse their own lifestyle."

No matter how luxurious a project is there is always a budget and Pallavi enjoyed combining luxury and high street in this design. "A lot of the furniture and fittings are from high-end designer brands such as Minotti in the lounge and the arm chair is Vitra, but at the same time budget is always an important criteria, so we infused the space with a lot of high street brands such as Pottery Barn," Pallavi explains.

Coming from a background of designing for hotels, Pallavi wasn't sure residential design was something that she wanted to tackle, but has since found that it's something that she really enjoys. The success of this project has also led to the company designing the client's other homes in London and Tanzania as well, helping to slowly build on their residential portfolio. |||| www.pallavidean.com.



Above: the desk and work area as requested by the client.
Right: the master and guest bedrooms.





Get the look

Designer furniture, neutral shades and statement lighting create this sophisticated home.



THE DETAILS

1. Asana loveseat and chaise, Dhs17,499, Crate and Barrel 2. Eichholtz Alpine coffee table, Dhs14,000, Sweetpeaandwillow.com 3. Malabar ivory rug, Dhs2,620, The Rug Company 4. Turtle Tisch Universopositivo table, Dhs600, Einrichten-design.de 5. Dosio mirror, Dhs1,295, THE One 6. Rope basket with leather handle, Dhs482, Etsy.com 7. Baldwin chair, Dhs5,670, Ethan Allen 8. Wicker linen square cushion, Dhs403, Fermoie.com 9. Handloomed diamond cushion cover, Dhs75, West Elm 10. Bubble pendant light, Dhs660, Sweetpeaandwillow.com 11. Woven basket, Dhs329, Zara Home 12. Fritz Hansen Ro Sessel chair, Dhs10,577, Einrichten-design.de 13. Scent One off-white candle, from Dhs145, Kellyhoppen.com.

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FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Interior designer Emmely Ayoob hit a hole in one with the transformation of her stylish Montgomerie Maisonettes villa.

Words CORINNE DRAPER Photography BOA CAMPBELL

Left: The stunning poolside. Right: feature art in the dining area; bespoke bookcase; splashes of colour are added in the accessories in a bedroom; the master bedroom.



Being from Sweden, I love the outdoor feel and being able to walk around the lake in Emirates Hills," says interior designer Emmely Ayoob. Sitting with the glamorous 29-year-old as she talks about the major renovation she undertook on her Montegomerie Maisonette villa it's easy to see it was a labour of love. "We decided to go for this house for the magnificent views. We did a lot renovations, the garden looks so different – we took the fence down, took all the trees down, put in a big pool and we tiled the garden, or the terrace as it were, in the same tiling we had inside and put in big sliding glass doors to create an indoor/outdoor feel, which is really nice."

Emmely and her husband, Mubashar, were living on the opposite side of the street when the villa came up for sale one-and-half years ago, they quickly knew that they had to have it. "We rented on the same street, on the other side. This one came up for sale and it felt like it had so much potential and it was completely untouched," the designer explains. "We also liked the view on this side of the street, the golf course is our garden and our garden is our terrace so we —>

THE DETAILS FINISHING TOUCHES...

*Coral sculpture**Bust**Nemo chair**Fluffy sheep*

tried to bring it altogether to be an extension of our home. We liked the fact that the house was a bit raised from the golf course so you have a sense of privacy, when the golf buggies go past you can't really see them so we enjoy that privacy." The serenity of the area was a welcome change for the couple who were living a cosmopolitan apartment life before settling into Montgomerie Maisonettes. "We've been in Dubai for four years and moved from the Burj Khalifa on the 32nd floor to the Montgomerie Maisonettes, so it was big contrast from an apartment to a villa. We have a pug puppy (named Carlton Banks) so it was important to have a house," says Emmely. "We also love the proximity to the Address Hotel, the spa, and the community feel here."

The beauty and quiet of the area washes into the home as you enter; a sophisticated yet contemporary style is evident in the living areas that open out onto the terrace with the golf course in the background. "I love the living room, I feel like it's an extension of the terrace and the garden, it brings the outdoor in and vice versa and it's really conducive to entertaining. So we open up those big glass doors and we have even more seating areas as they're matched in colours," Emmely explains. "My Scandinavian heritage influences the colour palette of the house, I'm so fond of neutrals, whites and soft shades of grey and I love to work more with textures rather than lots of —>







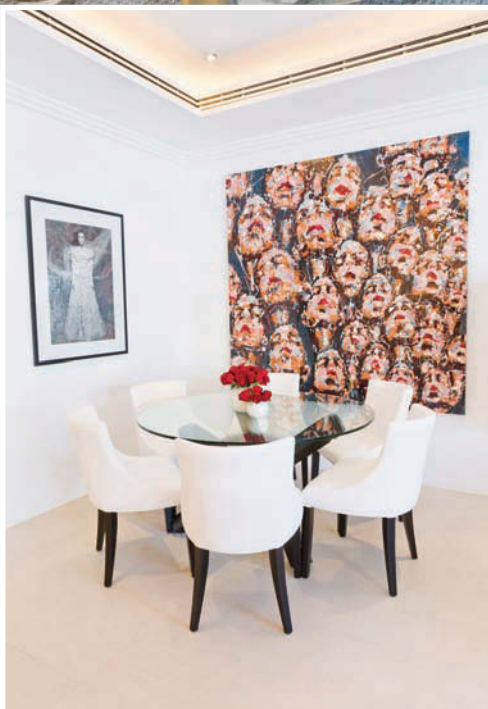
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different pops of colour,” Emmely says. “I like to include that in the art instead, in the living room I have this massive piece of art from a Swedish/Italian artist, Frederico Tomasi that adds a lot of colour to the room. As that dominates, I choose to have quite a neutral palette. I work with greys and silvers and very soft shades instead. I love to have a couple of unsuspected pieces in any given room like for example the two leopards in the living room [that flank the sofas], to add a little fun and glam, but apart from that I like it quite serene.”

The large living room is divided into three separate spaces – the formal living area, a TV snug and a dining area, and this is Emmely’s favourite part of the villa. “To bring the whole living area – of the three different sections – into one I put in a really long, seven-metre white bookshelf, which was made bespoke for us. I drew up and designed it myself. I love sitting in main living area and enjoying the view of the golf course.”

Emmely’s other favourite space in the house is her bedroom. “I chose to make a lot of the pieces with Robert Langford who is a furniture designer in London. They make everything in the UK and I really like his craftsmanship,” the Swede explains. “In the bedroom we chose to add touches of chard green to add a luxurious feel. So the dressers are chard green and in the guest bedroom it’s more a lighter shade and for my husband we used a darker shade as it added a masculine touch.”

While the renovations have been a lot of work for the Chelsea College of Art and Design graduate, there has since been a lot of play. “We love to entertain and we planned our living space so it would be really conducive to doing that,” Emmely says. “We enjoy having small intimate sit-down dinners but equally we’ve had big cocktail parties on the roof, where there is a magnificent terrace that overlooks all of downtown and the golf course, so when we have larger parties we host them up there. We have outdoor speakers there and throughout the house to bring the whole entertainment system together. We always invite our neighbours!” ■■■



Above from left: The neutral-schemed living room; Emmely and Carlton Banks; the dining area with feature artwork.



Get the look

Timeless tonal neutral colours and luxurious accessories feature in Emmely's home.



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THE COLOUR
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THE DETAILS

1. Chinch throw Dhs399, THE One 2. Moment of Calm candle, from Dhs234, Neom 3. Beige rug, POA, Salea, THE One 4. Glamour Starburst mirror, Dhs3,150, Ethan Allen 5. Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams 'Charlotte' sofa, Dhs10,600, Bloomingdale's Home 6. Jonathan Charles Eglomise and Iron chest of drawers, Dhs10,643, Cachet 7. Maya dining chair, Dhs69, Homebox 8. Jocelyn Coffee Table, Dhs4,680, Ethan Allen 9. Giselle Chair, Dhs6,310, Ethan Allen 10. Faraday Table Lamp, Dhs4,455, Andrew Martin 11. Donna Karan Home 'Reflection' pleated cushion cover, Dhs475, Bloomingdale's Home.

ÖREBRO, SWEDEN

Covered in Black & White

This white wooden home in wintry Örebro has been transformed with a monochrome palette, which extends to the festive decorating.



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Left: The living and dining area with its fresh palette of black and white.
Above: the house in the snow.
Right: The dining table with reclaimed chairs.



In the winter the white house appears to be a part of the landscape as if the building and nature have blended into one. Inside the brilliant white light continues with touches of black and with exciting patterns in black, white and silver. Moroccan details add spice and a theme that unifies the house.

Jennie Swahn and her husband Roger Hjelm discovered the house by accident and fell instantly in love with it. Jennie decided to decorate it in Danish style. "I am very inspired by how the Danes decorate their homes, with very old and some new items," she says. For colour she chose dramatic black and white with silver and folk-inspired patterns to break the stark contrast. A forest forms the backdrop to the property. The garden is covered with fresh snow and the apple trees create a pattern of shadows with their thin branches. "It feels like we are in the middle of the country, but in fact we are at the end of a residential street just outside Örebro," says Jennie. "It was rustic feeling we fell for. Actually, we had not really thought about buying a house until we saw the ad in the newspaper." Before moving into the large white house, Jennie and Roger lived in an apartment with a large terrace in one of Örebro's oldest neighbourhoods. They had a view of the river, a comfortable home but they longed for the country. "We went to see the house and fresh snow had fallen that day. We loved the atmosphere and felt we'd just walked into a fairy tale. The house felt old and homely, even though it was brand new. A carpenter had built it from local timber. The first owners were a young couple who decided to separate three months after moving in. They had not had time to do anything →

“I often go to garage sales and look for chairs, dressers, shelves and other things that I can paint. Most recently I found the six old wooden chairs that I have painted white and placed around the dining table.”





except paint the walls white – and that suited us perfectly,” she says. “The house is perfect for Danish style furnishings,” says Jennie who is also involved with Danish design in her job as store manager for the Danish company Noa Noa in Örebro.

Since Jennie and Roger moved into the house their family has expanded and they now have a four-year old daughter named Saga. The family has plenty of elbow room in the house with over 200 square metres of floor space. The ground floor is almost entirely open plan with a kitchen and living room and a separate music room. “I sing and wanted a place where I could have my music and teach students, while Roger, who is a chef thought the kitchen was the most important. He works as a chef at Katrin Lund Sea tavern and inn in Örebro,” says Jennie.

They spend most of their time in the kitchen, which has become a natural meeting place where Jennie helps Roger with the cooking and baking, while Saga plays at the kitchen table. The dining table is white and the old wooden chairs are from the last century and came from the Örebro flea market. Jennie painted them white. The bedrooms and a second living room are upstairs and the colour scheme continues entirely in black and white. The only exception is Saga’s room where Jennie used a combination of white, red and pink to give the room an old fashioned girlish feeling. When Jennie and Roger moved in, the →



All the accessories follow the monochrome scheme even the finishing touches in preparation for Christmas. Right: setting the table.



JENNIE'S TIPS FOR CREATING THE LOOK SHE HAS PERFECTED ARE:

1. Do not be afraid to mix patterns, I mix white, black and silver. Combine lace and monograms from old linens with striped and folklore-inspired patterns.

2. When arranging a still life, use things in different sizes and materials. High and low, silver and porcelain - and add something green from the garden or the forest.

3. Search flea markets and you will find exactly what you

want to buy. Then paint it black or white. **4. Add unexpected details.** For example, I chose black, white and silver, so it was natural to add Moroccan design.

5. Follow the seasons and adhere to family traditions.

You can transform your home with small details. When you have a dinner party, choose a theme and follow it all the way through from the choice of decor to food and music.

exterior of the house was still unpainted. So the first thing they did was paint it white. They converted a tool shed at the back of the plot into Saga's playhouse.

The next project was the garden, which they planned with the help of a landscape architect. Now, several apple trees grow in front of the house. The beds are planted with more than 40 different kinds of plants and white roses that bloom all summer. In the back the garden blends into the natural forest at the rear of the property. They also built a swimming pool. "I come from Scania and would prefer to have the sea nearby," explains Roger. The pool was a compromise. Jennie expended most of her energy on creating the white interior. "I often go to garage sales and look for chairs, dressers, shelves and other things that I can paint. Most recently I found the six old wooden chairs that I have painted white and placed around the dining table. When Jennie buys something new, it is usually pillows, or textiles from Danish designer Tine K. She is not particularly fond of art and prefers to hang beautiful fabric on the walls. "We often use banners in the shop for window decoration behind the clothes and I take them home when we have finished with them. It is a simple and effective way to create a new atmosphere with small means," says Jennie. The large windows let in plenty of light and the forest and nature outside is integrated into the entire house. Jennie likes to follow the seasons, by replacing and adding small but important details throughout the rooms.

For Jennie and Roger life is really black and white. They have found the perfect home and transformed it with their unique and very personal style. ||||



Get the look

Go for white walls, black accessories and sleek decorations for this stylish Scandi look.



THE DETAILS

1. Four light armillary chandelier, Dhs8,800, Ethan Allen **2.** White iris and vetiver diffuser, Dhs249, THE One **3.** Snowflake decoration (set of 4), Dhs58, TCH.net **4.** Leopolis coffee table, Dhs345, Home Box **5.** Hampton stainless steel dining chair, Dhs1,892, Artisan.com **6.** White leather pouffe, Dhs570, Moroccanbazaar.co.uk **7.** Jonathan Alder zig zag chevron throw, Dhs1,260, Designstudiohome.com.au **8.** Cardsterlla smo cards, Dhs10, TineKhome.com **9.** Grey snowflake cushion, Dhs288, Anabeljames.co.uk **10.** Medium swirled candlestick, Dhs290, Ethan Allen **11.** Stockholm rug, Dhs695, Ikea **12.** Black coral cushion, Dhs318, Merowings.com **13.** Small white lantern, Dhs29, Home Centre **14.** Hou sofa, Dhs3,995, THE One **15.** Dust paper in black, Dhs30, TineKhome.com.

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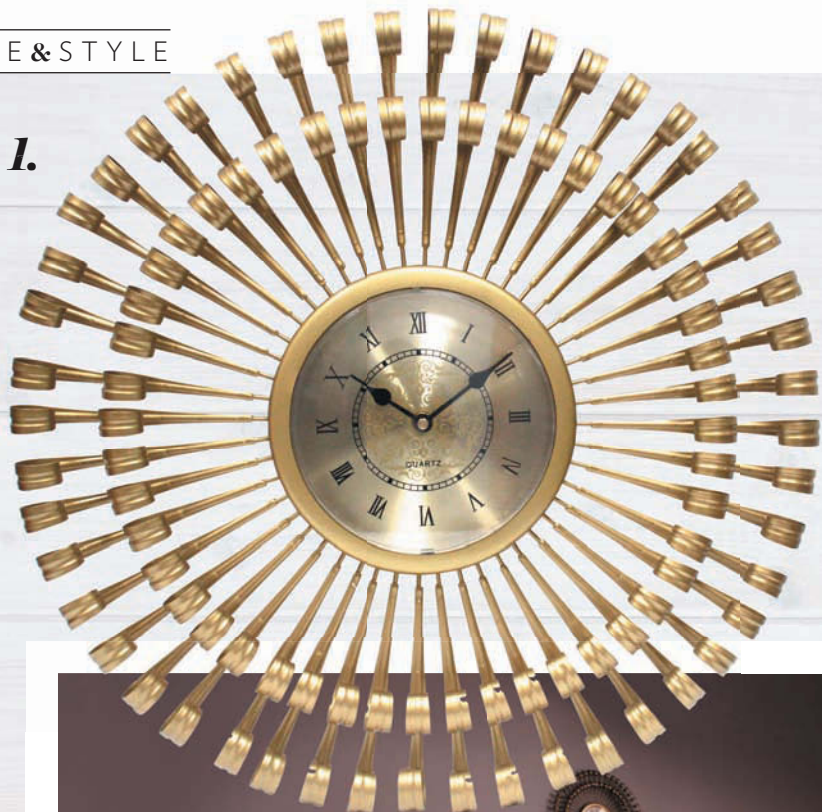


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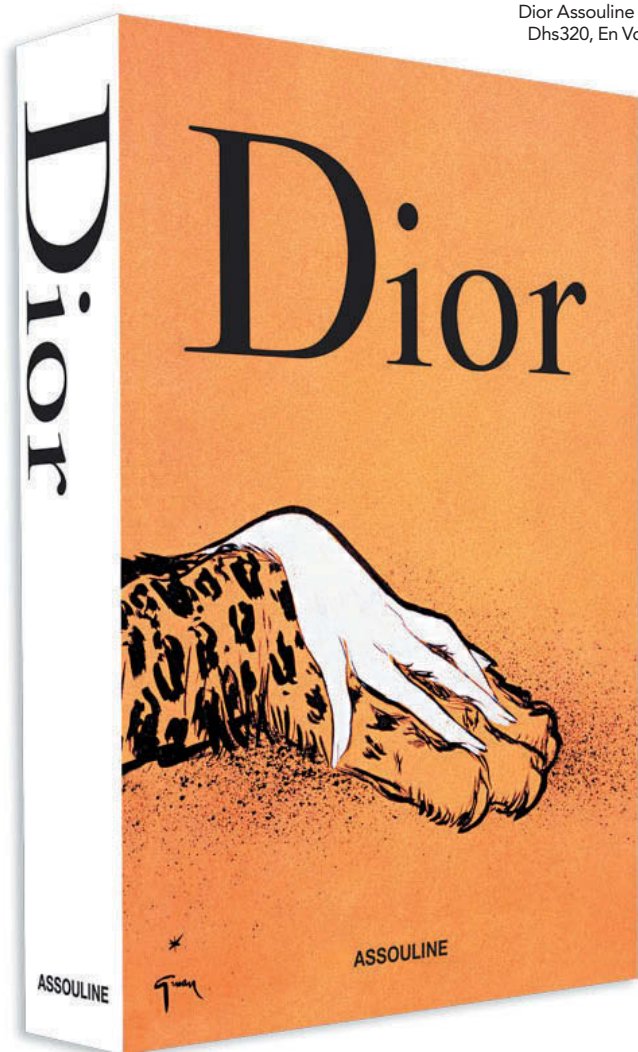


THE DETAILS

1. Radiance wall clock, Dhs159
 2. Shayma bevelled mirror, Dhs799
 3. Eight light chandelier, Dhs2,499
 4. Traditional glass bauble, Dhs25
 5. Red glass tree, Dhs39
 6. Fashion gift box with bow, Dhs109
 7. Red traditional bauble set, Dhs39
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Dhs285, Tavola.

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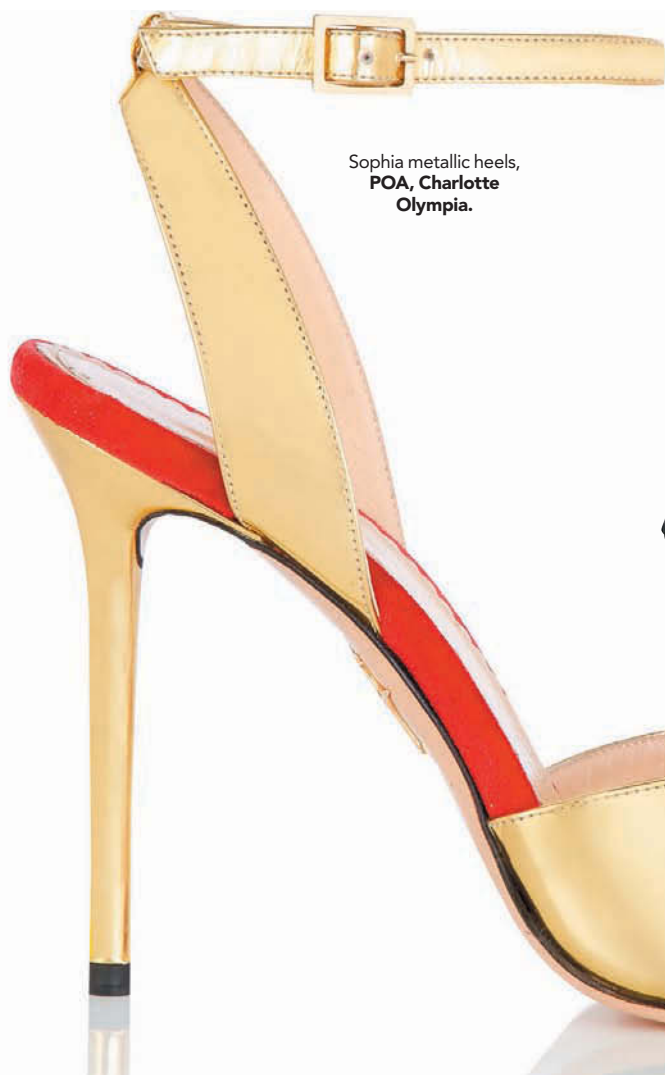
Set of mini lip glosses,
Dhs376, Bobbi Brown.



Pomegranate Noir
cologne,
Dhs515, Jo Malone.



Flox hat
Dhs275, Bebe.



Sophia metallic heels,
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Olympia.



Floral skirt
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Sofia mini in berry,
Dhs2,400
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Ultra-protect body balm,
Dhs176, Suki.



Love heart bag
Dhs99, Koton.



Sierra jumpsuit,
Dhs995,
Reiss.



Hearts bracelet,
Dhs250, C.Wonder.

For **HER**

THE FESTIVE GIFT GU



Bobble hat
Dhs199, Scotch & Soda.



Daniel jacket,
Dhs1,395, Reiss.



Coloured socks box set
Dhs175, Harry's of London.



Sartorial Eau de Toilette,
from Dhs350,
Penhaligon's.



Mrs Bow Tie,
Dhs129, Virgin Megastore.



Striped polo shirt,
Dhs195, Austin Reed.



Black textured wallet,
Dhs249, Pedro.



Navy belt,
Dhs275, Gaudi.

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Dhs69, The Children's
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Dhs150, S*uce.



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Dhs175,
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Festive Fayre

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FESTIVE TURKEY BURGER

SERVES 2

INGREDIENTS:

2 x focaccia buns
80g caramelised cranberries
50g caster sugar
5g aged cheddar
100g caramelised onion
30g beef tomatoes
50g baby gem lettuce
10ml gravy
50ml mayonnaise
360g Roast Turkey Breast
240g Sweet Potato Chips (w/t a pinch of Salt/pepper and smoked Paprika powder)
1 tsp butter

METHOD

TURKEY BURGER :

To start, sear off turkey breast in a pan until golden brown. Add butter and baste the meat. Place in oven at 180 degrees for 1 hour 20 mins (depending on portion) 14 mins for every additional 100g of turkey.

At the same time, place cranberries in a small pan with caster sugar. Place on a low heat for 15 mins, stirring occasionally. To finish, season with salt and pepper, and set aside. Mix with mayonnaise when cooled. Then prepare by slicing tomatoes and seasoning. Prepare lettuce and caramelised onions.

In a new pan, add gravy till warmed. Cut our two small round pieces of Brioche and place in gravy until it has absorbed the jus in pan. Once complete begin to assemble the turkey burger. For assembly, toast Focaccia (spread both halves with cranberry mayonnaise, sliced tomato, lettuce, turkey, sliced cheddar cheese, caramelised onions, gravy brioche and repeat for two layers).

FOR THE SWEET POTATO CHIPS:

Wash and cut sweet potato chips. Place in oven with vegetable oil and roast at 120 degrees, for 20 minutes. Then deep fry until crisp, remove and dust with smoked paprika.



FESTIVE YULE LOG

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS

Butter, for greasing
5 eggs
140 g icing sugar
100 g self-rising flour
25 g good quality cocoa powder such as Green & Black's or Oxfam Fair-trade
Caster sugar, for dusting
For the icing and filling
285ml / 9½ fl oz. double cream
50 g refined sugar
450 g dark chocolate
Icing sugar, for dusting

Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Butter and line the base and sides of a 30 x 35cm Swiss roll tin with baking parchment.

Separate the eggs, putting them into two large mixing bowls. Add the sugar and 2 tbsp. water to the egg yolks. Using an electric whisk or tabletop mixer, whisk the sugar and yolks for about 5 min until the mixture is light in colour and thick enough to leave a trail when the whisk blades are lifted. Sift in the flour and cocoa, then fold in lightly, using the whisk blades or a large metal spoon.

Using a clean whisk, beat the egg whites until they are stiff, then fold into the cake.

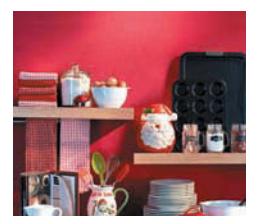
Mix in three batches, again using the blades to preserve the air.

Pour the mixture evenly over the prepared tin, and then carefully spread to the edges. Bake for 10-12 min, or until the cake feels firm to the touch. Put a large sheet of baking parchment on the work surface and sprinkle lightly with caster sugar. Turn the cake out onto the parchment and peel off the lining paper. Cover with a clean tea towel, then leave to cool completely. Trim a little cake from all the edges, then score along the edge of one of the long sides of the cake and roll up from there, using the paper to help you, rolling the paper inside the cake.

To make the icing and filling, bring the cream to boil in a small pan, remove from the heat, and then break in 400 g of the chocolate. Stir until it is melted and smooth. Leave to cool, and then chill until it is spreadable, about 1 hour. Chop the remaining chocolate, spoon a third of the icing into a bowl, then stir them together to make the filling.

Carefully unroll the cake and spread all the filling over to within 2 cm of the edges. Roll up the cake again using the paper to help you, and then set on a board. Cut a thick diagonal slice off one end of the cake. Transfer the larger piece of cake to a board or flat serving plate. Spread a little icing over cut side of the small piece of cake and fix it to the large roll to make a stump. Spread remaining icing over the cake, then dust with icing sugar to serve.

Best Festive
Kitchen Buys



THE DETAILS

1. Santa's sleigh mould, Dhs95, Lakeland 2. Spotty cake stand, Dhs250, C.Wonder 3. IVV Christmas is Magic platter, Dhs150, Tavola 4. Glass storage jar, Dhs29 Clas Olsen 5. Snowman jug, Dhs49, Santa cookie jar, Dhs59, Home Centre.

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It's that time of the year again when the tree gets unpacked and the decorations are taken out of boxes. If you are wanting to update your Christmas colour scheme this year then look to Ace's fab festive collection. With decorations ranging from jewel tones to woodland-inspired and the more traditional, there is something to suit all tastes. We love these mix and match gold and sparkly baubles, which can be hung together in a group to create a feature.

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Ask a Designer

Johnny Grey Studios

Johnny Grey talks about his eye-catching and unique kitchen designs...



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Left: Examples of Johnny's designs. Above: Johnny Grey.

TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS? WHEN DID YOU ESTABLISH THE IT AND HOW HAS IT GROWN SINCE?

I trained at London's Architectural Association and started my own design business from my parents' barn in Sussex straight after graduation. My passion for kitchens and kitchen design was largely inspired by watching my aunt, Elizabeth David, the doyenne of British food writers, who not only introduced Mediterranean cooking to the British public but pioneered the idea of the informal supper around

the kitchen table. I developed the concept of the unfitted kitchen long before it became fashionable and promoting open plan living has always been a corner stone of my design philosophy.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PROJECT AND WHY?

A kitchen in Richmond, London. It was a design challenge, with small, awkward spaces but the end result worked out brilliantly. I call it a "Kitchen in Three Movements" – three zones joined with a central corridor. Each zone has identifiable functions – culinary and dining; storage and cooking appliances; a home office. Each has a preferred aesthetic choice, the culinary zone is made in an artisanal, hand-made style, predominately using cast concrete and timber.

I particular love what I have named the Metal Condiments Column. Inspiration for this came from Indian recycled tin-ware but I had it made in stainless steel. It fits perfectly into a tall narrow wall space and provides a huge amount of extra food storage to back up cooking action nearby.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LATEST PROJECT.

This was for a kitchen situated in a new, architect designed glass pavilion in Kent. You arrive in the kitchen by walking through a series of rooms, descending in floor levels to a space with a view of the rolling East Sussex countryside. Only one wall was available to support furniture so to provide enough kitchen countertop length and storage capacity, with limited use of wall based cabinetry, innovative thinking was required. I collaborated with a number of highly skilled artisan craftspeople on this project. It is this harnessing of creativity coupled with attention to detail that makes this project so special.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Johnny Grey Studios is expanding into home cinemas, outdoor kitchens, garden design and whole house concepts. I am also writing my fifth book and researching into three generational kitchens which will include designing for old age. I am currently Visiting Professor of Design and Kitchen Culture at Buckinghamshire New University. ||||

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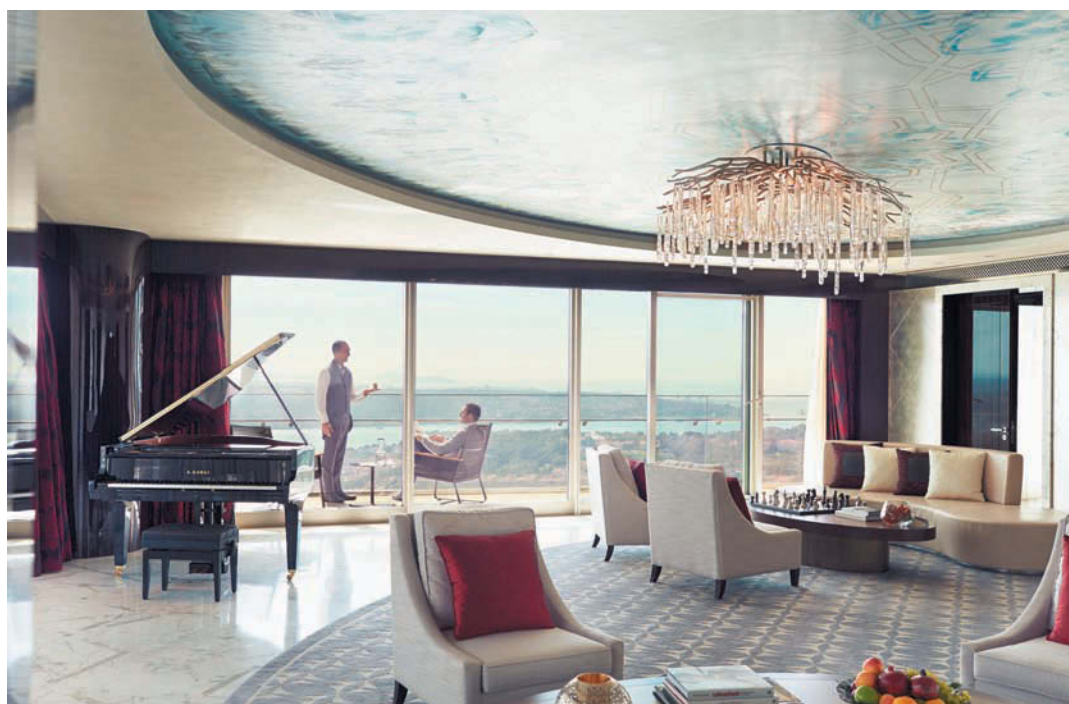
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Established in 1887, the original Raffles in Singapore is somewhat of institution and was immortalised by many famous names such as Ernest Hemingway, Rudyard Kipling and Alfred Hitchcock, and ever since the hotel group has been a benchmark of service and 5* luxury style. Raffles Istanbul opened in September 2014 in the Zorlu Center – the city's latest designer address, and evokes the original Raffles



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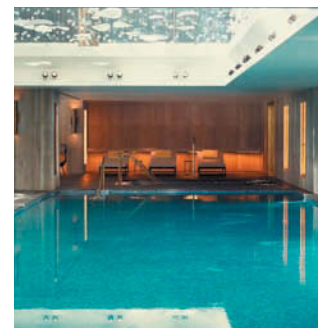
ideals. Every member of staff was friendly, polite and helpful and made an effort to engage with all guests, even if just to say hello.

As well as the legendary service, the hotel also has two signature restaurants – Rocca and Arola, two bars and lounges – the Long Bar, the Writers Bar, Pool Bar and Grill and Lounge 6 as well Lavinia, found in the hotel lobby.

We dined in both Rocca and Arola and tucked in to two very



Left: Master bedroom. Above: Raffles Suite; a dish at Arola; Indoor pool. Right: Bedroom of a Continents Suite.



GET THE LOOK IN BRIEF



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The Look

Chanel/S/S15 show. (Photo by Pascal Le Segretain/Getty Images)



different but equally as delicious meals. Arola is the namesake of Michelin-starred chef, Sergi Arola and serves up a creative tapas-style cuisine. Rocca is the hotel's speciality restaurant that has Mediterranean cuisine with a Turkish twist. Post dinner drinks were enjoyed in the sophisticated and relaxing Writers Bar, in which yellow leather wing chairs create the impression of a gentleman's club.

With such spectacular surroundings and impeccable service, it is not just the name which will put this hotel on the map. ■■■■



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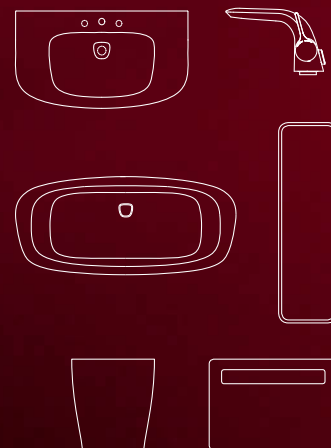
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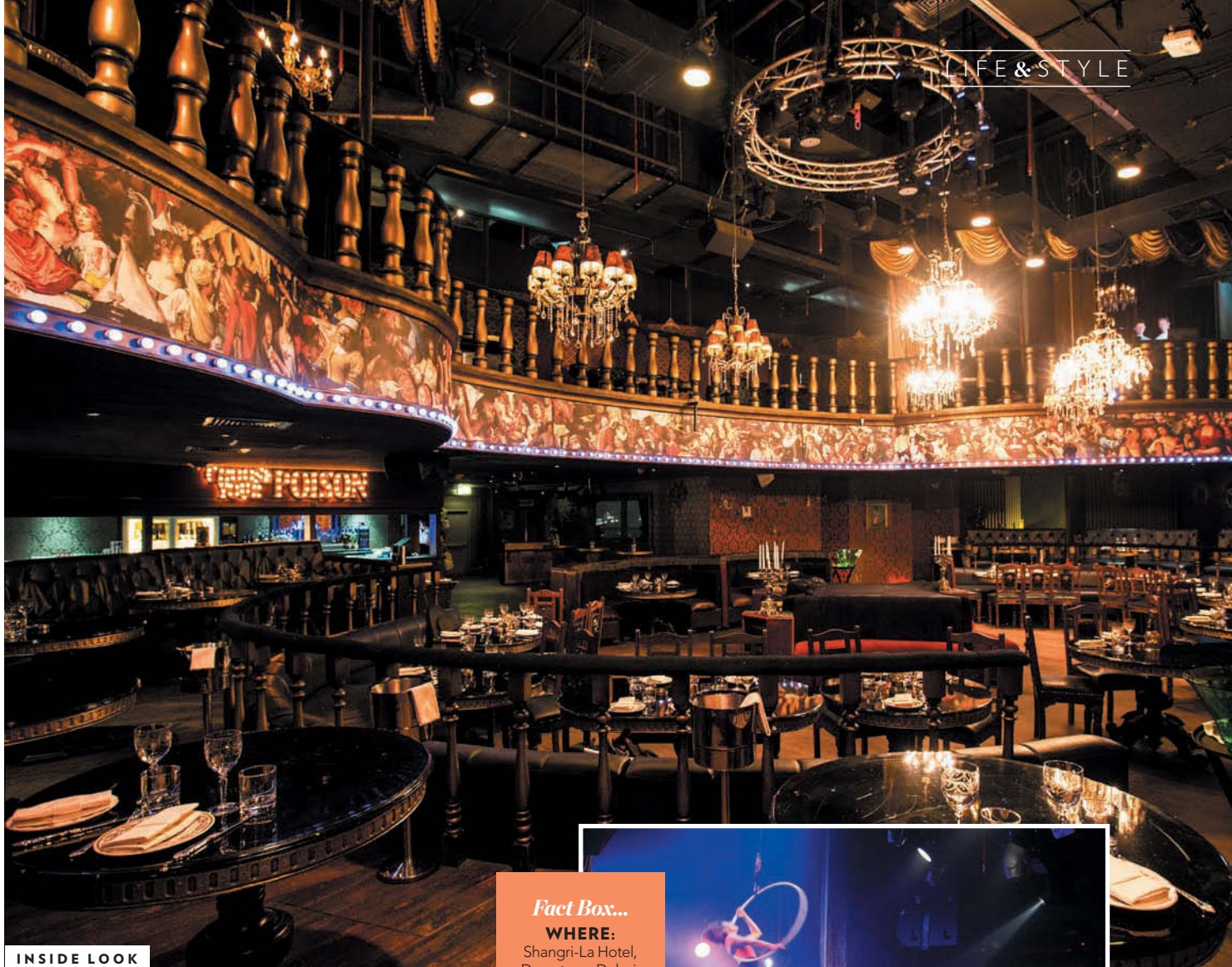
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INSIDE LOOK

The Act DUBAI

Dinner and a show takes on a new meaning when visiting The Act, in the Shangri-La Hotel Dubai. From the moment you enter, through its own lift, and up the Alice in Wonderland

inspired stairs, there is a feeling of the dramatic, magical and downright fabulously OTT. The interior is very much inspired by theatres of days gone by with red velvet, gold balustrades and collections of chandeliers and candelabras, but with funky modern touches such as the neon 'choose your poison' sign above the bar.

Dinner is based on small sharing plates from Peru and includes delicious offerings from seafood to meat with plenty of vegetarian options. We tucked in to the mouth-watering burrata - rocoto reduction, confit figs, tomatoes and olive oil, quinoa - quinoa risotto, wild mushrooms, asparagus and fresh black truffle and mousse de maracuya - passion fruit mousse, berries and vanilla cream, which we enjoyed in between acts from the funny, surprising and talented show, which changes every few weeks ensuring that it is a new experience each time you visit. But with such wonderful food, magical setting and talented showmanship there's no need for an excuse to return. ||||

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Fact Box...

WHERE:

Shangri-La Hotel, Downtown Dubai.

WE LOVE:

The vintage-style theatre design, neon sign and audience interaction.

STAY FOR:

The show, which carries on in intervals while you eat, ending in a dramatic finale.



EMIRATES HOME EVENT

Chic Christmas

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Karen discusses
the tree
decorations.



Readers, guests and shoppers took part in a fun and festive Christmas tree decorating workshop at Bloomingdale's Home in The Dubai Mall on 13th November. Those eager to learn the key season trends, top tips and colour combinations were well informed by Emirates Home contributor and stylist Pratyush Sarup and Karen Joyce, who demonstrated how best to dress a tree as well as discussing the store's Christmas collections.



A selection of
baubles from
Bloomingdale's
Home.





Ask an Expert

THIS MONTH: INTERIOR DESIGNER, KATHARINE POOLEY

WHAT ARE THE KEY FESTIVE TRENDS FOR 2014?

Rich and masculine colours combine to create an atmospheric and intimate festive interior. Forest greens mixed with bright gold, burnished bronze and soft dove greys and whites build an elegant but understated feeling. Steering clear of bright red and jewel tones and embracing a grown up and sophisticated take on seasonal decoration is my advice for a luxurious festive style.

ARE THERE ANY STAND-OUT, NON-TRADITIONAL COLOUR COMBINATIONS THAT I SHOULD TRY THIS YEAR?

See above...

WHAT ALTERNATIVES ARE THERE FOR A SUBSTITUTE CHRISTMAS TREE?

When styling my home or clients homes, our home dressing team love to add huge amounts of foliage. Green Ivy, ever-green branches and green flowers such as hydrangeas can be trailed up balustrades or draped on table tops instead of the traditional single Christmas tree. Decorations - such as my bronze KPL baubles - can be artfully displayed in tall crystal vases or bowls amongst the greenery for interest and a fun touch.

CAN YOU SUGGEST SOME SIMPLE, STYLISH TABLE DECORATIONS?

I love candle light,

especially at this time of year and it is perfect for creating atmosphere and intimacy when entertaining large groups of friends or family. Our crystal candelabras add height and drama to your table but remain elegantly refined in their simplicity.

I NEED TO SPRUCE UP THE GUEST BEDROOM FOR CHRISTMAS VISITORS, HOW CAN I DO THIS WITHOUT SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY?

As with all kinds of entertaining, having a guest to stay is all about intimacy and atmosphere. Place a soft cashmere blanket at the end of the bed, accessorize bed side tables with beautiful shagreen frames and crystal water carafes - and absolutely always add a small bud vase of flowers as a final thoughtful touch.

TOP FIVE ACCESSORIES TO DRESS UP A DINING ROOM FOR NEW YEAR DINNER?

As well as candle light and artfully draped foliage I will



be adding some playful Lotus animals and mother of pearl platters on which to lay out nuts, sweets and dates.

Combined with our recently launched Katharine Pooley fine tableware range for Fortnum and Mason, with its Deco inspired gilt detailing, this will set the perfect scene for a wonderful New Year's supper. |||||



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We had a number of clients from this region who encouraged me to bring barre to the Middle East – and so NYLA was born!

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTERIOR STYLE?

I'd say my style is eclectic and influenced by the fact that I've lived in various

cities around the world and also travelled quite a bit. I've picked up gorgeous little home accessories and inspiration from all over the globe! I love mixing neutrals with splashes of bright colour and also combining traditional pieces with contemporary accents – NYLA House is definitely a blend of the two – kind of Soho House meets Parisian loft meets Georgian manor.

FAVOURITE PRODUCT IN THE HOUSE AND WHY?

Most of our furniture is bespoke to fit with my vision of the house. I love the patterned flooring in

the kitchen – it reminds me of Greek tiles and Mediterranean holidays.

HOW DO YOU DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS?

For me it's all about candles – and a fresh tree covered in twinkling lights! I love using lighting to create a mood and Christmas just lends itself to that.

WHAT'S NEXT AT NYLA HOUSE?

We're about to launch our Dry Barre – a blow dry and full service salon and also a spa. The house is constantly evolving so watch this space! |||||



GET THE LOOK

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